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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 522

DATE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2002
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Court Computer and Electronic Processing Fee.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a \$2 court computer and electronic processing fee to be: (1) collected in all civil, criminal, infraction, and ordinance violation actions; and (2) deposited in court computer and electronic processing funds established in each county. It allows money in the funds to be used to improve a court's electronic case filing system and computer case management system.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: A \$2 court computer and electronic processing fee added to the current court fees is estimated to generate \$1.9 M annually.

This revenue would be deposited in each county's court computer and electronic processing fund and could be used by the clerk to improve a court's electronic case filing system and computer case management system by: (1) purchasing, leasing, upgrading, maintaining, or repairing computer hardware, software, wiring and computer networks or communication access systems used to connect with computer networks or electronic gateways; (2) paying for the services of full-time or part-time computer maintenance employees; or (3) conducting computer training of court employees..

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Clerks of trial courts and city and town courts.

Information Sources: *2000 Judicial Report.*